



Friendly Societies Act 1896

1896 CHAPTER 25

PAYMENTS ON DEATH OF CHILDREN

62 Limitation of amount payable

A society or branch, whether registered or unregistered, shall not insure or pay on the death of a child under five years of age any sum of money which, added to any amount payable on the death of that child by any other society or branch, exceeds six pounds, or on the death of a child under ten years of age any sum of money which, added to any amount payable on the death of that child by any other society or branch, exceeds ten pounds.

63 Person to whom payment may be made

A society or branch, whether registered or unregistered, shall not pay any sum on the death of a child under ten years of age except to the parent of the child, or to the personal representative of the parent, and upon the production by the parent or his personal representative of a certificate of death issued by the registrar of deaths, or other person having the care of the register of deaths, containing the particulars mentioned in this Act.

64 Particulars of certificates

- (1) Where application is made for a certificate of the death of a child for the purpose of obtaining a sum of money from a society or branch, the name of the society or branch, and the sum sought to be obtained therefrom shall be stated to the registrar of deaths.
- (2) The registrar of deaths shall write on or at the foot of the certificate the words
to be produced to the society
or branch (naming the same) said to be liable for payment of
" the sum of £. (stating the same). "
- (3) All certificates of the same death shall be numbered in consecutive order.

65 Cases in which certificates may be given

- (1) A registrar of deaths shall not give anyone or more certificates of death for the payment in the whole of any sum of money exceeding six pounds on the death of a child under five years, or for the payment in the whole of a sum exceeding ten pounds on the death of a child under ten years.
- (2) A registrar of deaths shall not grant any such certificate unless the cause of death has been previously entered in the register of deaths on the certificate of a coroner, or of a registered medical practitioner who attended the deceased child during its last illness, or except upon the production of a certificate of the probable cause of death under the hand of a registered medical practitioner, or of other satisfactory evidence thereof.

66 Inquiries by societies

A society or branch, whether registered or unregistered, to which is produced a certificate of the death of a child which does not purport to be the first shall, before paying any money thereon, inquire whether any and what sums of money have been paid on the same death by any other society or branch.

67 Saving as to insurable interests, &c

Nothing in this Act respecting payments on the death of children shall apply to insurances on the lives of children of any age, where the person insuring has an interest in the life of the person insured.